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SUBJECT: ACT INVITATION TO ROSHCIN; SOVIET THEATRE SEMINAR
DELEGATION; AND VAAP INVITATION TO US DIRECTORS

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1. WE HAVE AGAIN DISCUSSED ROSHCIN INVITATION WITH THE AMERICAN CONSERVATORY THEATRE'S (ACT) MARKSEN, WHO NOW INFORMS US THAT FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS SHE HAS IN MIND WOULD HAVE ACT PAYING INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND A CU/EE GRANT PAYING DOMESTIC TRAVEL AND PER DIEM. THIS PROPOSAL IS ACCEPTABLE TO CU/EE IF THE EMBASSY HAS NO OBJECTION. WE WOULD HAVE PREFERRED, HOWEVER, TO HAVE THE SOVIET SIDE PAY INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL IN KEEPING WITH PAST PRACTICES. WHEN WE SUGGESTED THIS TO MARKSEN, SHE EXPRESSED FEAR THAT REOPENING MATTER WITH THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE WOULD CAUSE FURTHER DELAY IN ROSHCIN'S ARRIVAL IN THE US. DOES EMBASSY BELIEVE THIS WOULD BE THE CASE? CU/EE WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION IF THE EMBASSY WISHES TO RAISE MATTER WITH BUTROVA WITH AIM IN MIND OF GAINING SOVIET AGREEMENT TO PAY HIS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL.

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2. NEW SUBJECT: MARTHA COIGNEY OF THE INTERNATIONAL
THEATRE INSTITUTE (ITI) INFORMS US THAT SHE WOULD BE READY

TO ACCEPT THE SOVIET THEATRE SEMINAR DELEGATION IN MAY, AND
IS OF THE OPINION THAT SHE COULD ARRANGE MUCH THE SAME PRO-
GRAM AS SHE ORIGINALLY ARRANGED FOR THE DELEGATION'S
ABORTED VISIT IN NOVEMBER. EDITH MARKSEN HAS ALSO CONFIRMED
HER READINESS TO SERVE AS ESCORT FOR THE DELEGATION IN MAY.
EMBASSY MAY THUS INFORM MINCULT THAT WE ARE AGREEABLE TO
TIME FRAME IT HAS PROPOSED FOR THE DELEGATION, AND THAT WE
WOULD NOW APPRECIATE RECEIVING EARLIEST POSSIBLE INDICATION
OF THE DELEGATION'S PROPOSED COMPOSITION. WILL IT BE THE
SAME? WE ARE NOW ADDRESSING QUESTION OF A VAAP ESCORT FOR
THE DELEGATION (AT VAAP EXPENSE), AND WILL PROVIDE
EMBASSY AN ANSWER AS SOON AS WE HAVE IT.

3. A FURTHER NEW SUBJECT: WE AGREE WITH THE EMBASSY (REF A)
THAT THE VAAP PROPOSAL TO MARKSEN THAT IT INVITE, AND
ARRANGE A SPECIAL PROGRAM OF CONTEMPORARY SOVIET PRODUCTIONS
FOR, A DELEGATION OF U.S. DIRECTORS IS WORTH FOLLOWING UP.
WHILE SOVIETS MAY STAND TO GAIN FROM THE VISIT COMMERCIALY,
(THOUGH THIS WOULD REMAIN TO BE SEEN), U.S. DIRECTORS ARE
FRANK IN THEIR ADMISSION THAT THEY HAVE LITTLE EXPOSURE TO
CONTEMPORARY SOVIET THEATRICAL WORKS, AND OUR ENCOURAGEMENT
OF SUCH A VISIT COULD SERVE AS AN INDICATION OF OUR WILL-
INGNESS TO PROMOTE EXCHANGES OF SUCH INFORMATION IN SPIRIT
OF BASKET III. QUESTION OF FUNDING INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL
REMAINS, HOWEVER. OUR ADVISERS IN THE WORLD OF THEATRE
INSIST THAT ASKING THE U.S. DIRECTORS TO PAY THEIR OWN WAY
WOULD SHARPLY REDUCE THE LENGTH OF LIST FROM WHICH
CANDIDATES FOR THE DELEGATION COULD BE CHOSEN. WHAT ARE
EMBASSY'S FEELINGS REGARDING POSSIBLE CU/EE AGREEMENT TO
FUND INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL? ROBINSON

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